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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROEINGH ET AL.

Examiner

Stephanie Jennings

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4, 7 and 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 5-6, 8-10, 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-6, filed April 27, 2009, with respect to the 35 USC 112, paragraph 2 rejection of claims 4 and 6 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of January 23, 2009 has been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-9, filed April 27, 2009, with respect to the 35 USC 103(a) rejections of claims 1-12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of January 23, 2009 has been withdrawn.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: typo in line 2. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 8 recites the limitation "the 12 o'clock position and the 6 o'clock position" in lines 4 and 7, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

6. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1, which Claim 12 is dependent upon, does not set forth a friction brake or antifriction bearing system.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

8. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poloni US Patent No. 4,679,801 in view of Vignotto et al. US Patent No. 6,082,905. Poloni discloses a roll neck (12) with a sealing assmebly (20) arranged in front of the rotary shaft seals, sealing lips (21, 22), a sealing element (24, 25), a labyrinth seal (26) and a bush (14) comprising metal bearings (15), (column 2, lines 23-27, lines 36-39, lines 45-53 and column 3, lines 14-44). Poloni does not disclose radial lips or an L-shaped section. Vignotto teaches radial lips (44), an end portion (70) and an L-shaped section (26). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide Poloni's device with the separate sealing lips, labyrinth seal, and bearing bush of Vignotto's device because these elements aid in device operation.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 3, 4, 7, and 11 are allowed.

10. Claims 3, 4, 7, and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious the combination of limitations found in claims 3, 4, 7, and 11, specifically a sealing lip detachably connected with the sealing element in claim 3, a combination of the mounting, radial lips, and/or sealing lip consisting of different materials in claim 4, a first connection between the mounting and extension by which small amounts of oil can be conveyed through an oil collection pocket in claim 7, and an eccentric arrangement of the sleaing element in the chock in claim 11.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephanie Jennings whose telephone number is (571) 270-7392. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7 am - 5:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on (571) 272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/S. J./
Examiner, Art Unit 3725
August 18, 2009

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